

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 17-25 have been cancelled.

A Restriction/Election of Species Requirement was required in this application. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been examined. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1 and cancels claims 17-25. Applicant asserts that claim 1 remains generic to claims 11-16 and thus request rejoinder of claims 11-16 if claim 1 is deemed allowable because claims 11-16 would be allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 would be allowable.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts, among other things, that references EP 1116644A1 and DE 19844309 A1 have been considered. However, Applicant has yet to receive an initialed Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references. If the Examiner has considered the references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner forward an initialed Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the references. Applicant also asserts that GB 2330810 has not been submitted for consideration. However, GB 2330810 has been forwarded to the Examiner for the Examiner's convenience in considering DE 19844309 A1. As previously asserted, DE 19844309 A1 is related to GB 2330810 as noted in the foreign search report. As such, the Information Disclosure Statement does comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3).


Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability for claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to replace "behind" with "adjacent". Accordingly, Applicant asserts that claim 1 is now clear and definite in view of the Examiner's comments. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 6, 7 and 9-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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